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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina December 22, 2008

Dear Sir:

In response to the non final Office Action dated September 3, 2008, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed is a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time with credit card form to extend the due date to January 3, 2009. In addition, Applicants submit a copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement PTO/SB/08A submitted May 31, 2006 and not initialed by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.